Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(b). Cannot the Government devise some other means than this to distinguish these two classes of prisoners?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not considered it till now.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was the attention of the Government drawn to this fact by the Jail Committee which was appointed by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Does the Government think that ankle ring is an absolute necessity in such cases?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Ward boys in the Jail Hospital.

40. **Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—(a). Are ther e ward boys attached to the dispensary located within the Central Jail;

(b) who is now doing the work done by ward boys in the Hospitals and Dispensaries in general;

(c) whether such convicts while dressing patients handle surgical instruments and poisonous stuff?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a) No

(b) Reliable convicts.

(c) No.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(b). May I know whether these reliable convicts have had anything to do in the hospital previous to their conviction?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I should think no.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is it safe to entrust such people with the dressing of wounds on the prisoners or convicts in the Jail?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are not allowed to do the work themselves. They are properly supervised by competent persons.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Can the Government substitute one or two boys in place of these convicts to do such work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can only say that the Member's suggestion will be noted.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are these ward boys properly doing the work now? Were there any complaints?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not to our knowledge.

Scheme for making the Jail self-supporting.

41. **Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—What is the sort of work turned out by the convicts;

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(b) is the Central Jail a self-supporting institution;

(c) has any scheme been submitted to the Government for making the Central Jail almost a self-supporting institution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Weaving, coir making, paddy pounding and extra mural work.

(b) Not at present.

(c) Proposals to increase the income of the institution have been received by the Government.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is there not sufficient scope to provide more work for the prisoners in the Central Jail now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Provided we get some better class of instruments and organize the work on a more efficient and business like manner.

The pipe system in Nemmara.

42. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the pipe system introduced at Nemmara has been sufficiently improved to meet the demands of the public;

(b) are all the streets in the villages now provided with water taps;

(c) on what basis is the number of taps calculated with reference to the population at each centre;

(d) whether there is possibility of extending the pipes to private houses also?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(a) Yes. The Nemmara water works has been developed more than was originally proposed and practically the whole of Nemmara, Vallanghy and Vitnasseri has been supplied with water.

(b) No. About 90 per cent of the area is supplied with water from public taps.

(c) This depends upon the density of the population in the area served. In crowded localities the taps are placed 200 or 250 ft. apart while in other places, they are located at a distance of 400 or 500 ft. according to circumstances.

(d) In its present condition it is not possible to supply houses with separate services.

Shoranur—Trichur road.

43. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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